

# ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

## Green Tip: Line Drying

There are many reasons for using a clothesline or a clothes rack, either inside or out, in place of a clothes dryer. Here are a few of the most compelling reasons.

### WHY USE A CLOTHESLINE?

**You Save Money** – It's possible to save more than [\\$25/month off the monthly electric bill for many households.](#)

**A Pleasant Scent** – Your linens and clothes smell better, and you are not adding possibly toxic chemicals to the environment and to your body.

**You Save Energy, Preserve The Environment, And Reduce Pollution** – [Learn how](#) to conserve energy and the environment, while reducing climate change.

**It's Healthy Work** – Hanging your laundry is moderate physical exercise that you can do inside or outdoors. [You might even lose weight.](#)

**You Can Avoid A Fire** – It is estimated that the national fire loss each year for clothes dryer fires in structures is \$194 million. Together washing machine and clothes dryer fires account for [17,000 structure fires, 15 deaths, and 360](#)

[injuries annually.](#) Check out a [diagram](#) of the dryer's critical danger zones.

**Laundry Gets A Sunshine Treatment** – Sunlight [bleaches and disinfects](#) your laundry.

**Clothes last longer** – Where do you think lint comes from?

**You Can Replace Another Appliance** – [Humidity in dry winter weather](#) can be increased when you use indoor clothes racks or lines.

**It Can Be Fun To Hang Your Laundry!** – It can be a community building and meditative outdoor experience.

**It Is Very Patriotic!** – Why wait until the government takes action? Taking small steps will make a big difference.



### DID YOU KNOW?

- In the United States 92% of single family homes had a dryer in 2005.
- Eighty percent of American households use a dryer for between 2 and 9 loads per week. Millions more use a multi-housing laundry or coin-operated laundry facility to wash and/or dry their clothes.
- There are no ENERGY STAR dryers on the market.
- We estimate that 8% of households line-dry their laundry during 5 months of the year. If all Americans who currently do not use a clothesline started to use one for 10 months of the year, we could avoid 12 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere, annually.
- The majority of community associations (mobile home parks, retirement communities, gated communities, condominiums, etc.) restrict or ban the clothesline.
- You can reduce the full lifecycle climate change impact of your jeans by up to 50 % by line drying and washing them in cold water.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

### GET YOURSELF A CLOTHESLINE

Information provided by: [Project Laundry List](#) and [Seventh Generation](#)

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